

IN THE CLAIMS:

Amend the claims as follows.

Claims 1-3. (Canceled)

4. (Previously Amended) A solution as claimed in claim 18 wherein the keratolytic agent is present in a proportion of between 0.1 and 15% of the total weight of the solution.

Claims 5-6. (Canceled)

7. (Previously Presented) A solution as claimed in claim 18 which also contains a cosmetically active substance.

8. (Previously Presented) A solution as claimed in claim 7 wherein the cosmetically active substance is present in a proportion of between 1 and 15% of the total weight of the solution.

9. (Previously Presented) A solution as claimed in claim 18 which also contains a water-absorbing compound.

10. (Withdrawn) A method of preparing a device for instantaneous cleansing and care of the skin comprising adding the solution of claim 18 to said device.

11. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 10 wherein said device is a patch formed of a support which has been coated with the solution.

12. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 10 wherein said support takes the form of a sheet or a film which is woven or non-woven, perforated or non-perforated, occlusive or non-occlusive, porous or non-porous and alveolate or non-alveolate.

13. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 10 wherein said support takes the form of a cylinder.

14. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 10 wherein said skin cleansing device comprises a detachable top protective sheet.

15. (Previously Presented) A patch for instantaneous cleansing and care of the skin, comprising a support impregnated with a sufficient amount of the solution as claimed in claim 18.

16. (Withdrawn) A cosmetic method of cleansing the skin, comprising steps consisting in:

(i) applying, to a support, a sufficient amount of the solution as claimed in claim 18;

(ii) leaving the solvent to evaporate;

(iii) applying the coated support to the parts of the skin to be cleansed, for a period of between about 15 seconds and 20 minutes; and

(iv) removing the support by one of its ends.

17. (Previously Presented) A device comprising the solution of claim 18.

18. (Currently Amended) A colorless solution for conferring self-adhesiveness and instantaneous cleansing or care properties of the skin to a cosmetic support to be applied to the skin when said support comprises said solution, said solution consisting essentially of:

(1) an organic solvent medium selected from the group consisting of ethyl acetate, ethyl alcohol, isopropyl alcohol and mixtures thereof,

(2) 20 to 60% by weight at least one self-adhesive hydrophobic polymer which is of linear structure, non-ionic and non-water swellable and is selected from copolymers of the acrylic/vinyl type, said hydrophobic copolymer consisting of units derived from monomers selected from C₁-C₂₀ alkyl acrylates, vinyl acetate and acrylic acid,

(3) 0.1 to 20% by weight at least one compound selected from the group consisting of a filler and an essential oil wherein the filler contains no colorant and no colored pigment,

(4) at least one keratolytic agent, and

(5) optionally a cosmetically active substance

said copolymer having an adhesiveness of between 150 and 800 g/cm² after evaporation of the said organic solvent.

19. (Previously Presented) A solution as claimed in claim 18 which contains:

(1) 20 to 60% by weight of the hydrophobic copolymer which consists of units derived from monomers selected from C₁-C₂₀-alkyl acrylates, vinyl acetate and acrylic acid,

(2) 0.1 to 20% by weight of at least one compound selected from the group consisting of a filler and an essential oil, and

(3) 0.1 to 15% by weight of a keratolytic agent, and

(4) 0-15% of a cosmetically active substance,

said copolymer having an adhesiveness of between 150 and 800 g/cm² after evaporation of the said organic solvent.

20. (Previously Presented) A solution as claimed in claim 18, wherein said filler is a nylon powder.

21. (Previously Presented) A solution as claimed in claim 18, wherein said filler is a polymethylmethacrylate power.

22. (Previously Presented) A solution as claimed in claim 18, containing a cosmetically active substance selected from the group consisting of agents absorbing and/or regulating sebum and perspiration, liporegulators, sun-protectors, skin conditioners, anti-wrinkle agents, toners, anti-free radical agents, anti-acne agents, disinfectants, anti-ageing agents, vascular protectors, insensitizers, immunomodulators,

anti-inflammatories, antibacterials, antifungals, moisturizing agents, emollients, deodorant agents, healing agents, astringents, self-tanning agents, depigmenting agents, softening agents, and combinations thereof.

23. (Previously Presented) A solution as claimed in claim 18, containing a cosmetically active substance selected from the group consisting of chitosan and derivatives thereof, tannin, caffeine, collagen, sun filters and hyaluronic acid.

24. (Previously Presented) A solution according to claim 18, containing a cosmetically active substance comprising particles of at least one water-absorbing agent selected from the group consisting of crosslinked polyacrylates, polyvinyl alcohol, carboxyvinyl polymers, carboxymethyl cellulose, starches, xanthan gum, guar gum, gum Arabic, gum tragacanth, biosaccharides, scleroglucans, casein, alginates, carrageenates, agar-agar, gelatine and cotton fibres.

25. (Previously Presented) A solution according to claim 18, wherein the keratolytic agent is selected from the group consisting of a α -hydroxycarboxylic acid, a β -hydroxycarboxylic acid, a fruit acid, and a β -ketocarboxylic acid, and salts, amides or esters thereof.

26. (Previously Presented) A solution according to claim 18, wherein the keratolytic agent is selected from the group consisting of glycolic acid, lactic acid,

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tartaric acid, malic acid, citric acid, mandelic acid, salicylic acid, Kojic acid, retinyl
palmitate and vitamin C, and salts, amides or esters thereof.

Claims 27-28. (Canceled)